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Change of Publication Day.

The recent change in the days for holding the Brighton and Cambridge Cattle Markets from Tuesdays and Wednesdays to Thursdays and Fridays, necessitates a corresponding change in our time of publication.

The paper will, therefore, be printed hereafter on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays. By availing ourselves of existing mail facilities, we hope to be able to reach our subscribers with full and reliable reports of transactions in these markets at as early a day as any of our agricultural contemporaries, in Boston or elsewhere.

Editorial Correspondence.

DEAR FARMER:—Having in mind our brain is tired, and we are determined to go out with it, we shall not be able to do so.

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The International Commercial Convention.

An important gathering of leading business men from various parts of the country and the British Province, was held in Portland, on Tuesday and Wednesday last week.

The general objects of the meeting were to consider the different plans and measures now before the country for increasing the facilities of intercourse and trade between the interior provinces of our country and the Atlantic seaboard, and also to inaugurate movements which shall lead to the adoption of such measures as will relieve commerce of unnecessary burdens, and secure unrestricted freedom of trade upon the North American Continent.

The Convention assembled at City Hall, about 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, about one hundred and fifty delegates being present, and a temporary organization was effected by the choice of Hon. John Neal of Portland, as Chairman, Col. Frederick L. Gorham, of Gorham, Me., and Hon. A. M. Fowler of Concord, N. H., as Secretaries. While waiting the report of the Committee on Credentials, the meeting was addressed by Senator Charles F. Johnson, of Portland, and Hon. E. H. Derby, of Boston.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Derby broached his favorite idea of a continental free-trade union, embracing the United States and the British Provinces of the Pacific Ocean. He alluded to the idea of Canadian annexation, and intimated his belief in the eventual peaceful accomplishment of this project.

He then turned to the subject of the central railway system in the development of the American railway system.

The Committee on Credentials reported that two hundred and five delegates and invited guests were present, and reported also nominations for permanent organization, with Hon. Samuel Merrill, Governor of Iowa, as President, and six Vice Presidents and six Secretaries.

On assuming the chair, Gov. Merrill expressed his sincere thanks for the honor which had been conferred, and which he accepted not only as an honor, but as a duty.

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On the motion of Gen. P. T. Washburn of Woodstock, the Convention proceeded to consider and report the report of the Committee on Credentials.

At the re-assembling of the Convention in the afternoon, letters expressive of regret at inability to attend, were read from the Hon. Charles F. Johnson, of Portland, and Hon. A. M. Fowler, of Concord, N. H.

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Items of State News.

On Wednesday evening last, during the exhibition of Van Amburgh's menagerie, at Rockland, a gang of rowdies attacked the door-keeper of a side show, using him pretty roughly and making other disturbances in and about the city. Later in the evening, the same party were met in the Thorndike hotel by a number of the employees of the menagerie, when an affray occurred, resulting in the serious injury of a number of the rowdies, the effects of which will probably prove fatal to one Whitcomb, belonging to the town of Walden. His skull was broken and he is otherwise seriously injured. His condition is very critical. No arrests have been made.

By the will of the late Dr. Potter of Cincinnati, formerly of Sebago in this State, the bulk of his property eventually goes to Sebago, to be set apart as an academy fund for the support of an academy in the town. It is to be built within three-quarters of a mile from the church now standing in the town, and to be free to all the larger children resident in the town.

The Saco Democrat says the house of Alfred Burdell of West Baldwin, was struck by lightning Thursday morning July 20th, and considerably injured. Mr. Burdell and wife and five or six children were in the house at the time, but were not seriously injured.

Mrs. Staples of Newfield, about ninety-six years old, a few days since fell down a very steep flight of back stairs. She fell from the top and struck the sharp edge of a door panel at the foot of the stairs, which cut a very severe gash in her head. It is not probable that she can long survive the accident.

The new and beautiful Masonic hall at Skowhegan, will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Wednesday, Aug. 25th. A public address will be delivered by Rev. Mr. Bolles of Portland.

The Lewiston Journal says that Robert Dunlap, late of Auburn, died and left behind him \$1,000 in United States bonds. He willed \$400 to his wife, one-half the remainder to the Baptist Church in Rockland, and the balance to the Baptist Missionary Society. His wife valued the provisions of the will and declined to accept of it. The wife, after hearing the case, gave her own \$1,000.

Frank, son of O. A. Simmons of Beth, was found lying insensible in the road on Tuesday afternoon. How he came so will remain forever a mystery, as he lived only fifteen hours, and died without uttering an intelligible word. He had gone for the cows and being absent longer than usual, search was made for him with the above result.

Mr. Henry Todd of St. Stephens, N. B., hearing a noise in his stable on the night of the 25th ult., went to look for the cause of it, supposing one of his horses had gotten loose. As he entered the stable he was met by a man who was crouched, and who, in the struggle which ensued, stabbed him in four places, one of them in the region of the heart, and made his escape. A horse stolen from the stable three or four weeks since.

The Machias Republican says the dwelling house of Hon. W. H. Sargent of Sebecville, was struck by lightning on Wednesday, during the prevalence of those terrific storms, passing through three rooms, and going out through the cellar. Mr. Sargent was slightly injured.

Wm. H. L. Willey, aged 19, and Chas. H. Main, aged 12, two promising young men, were drowned in the Cochecho river on Saturday last, while bathing.

Mr. A. H. Small, cashier of the First National Bank of Lewiston, died at the residence of his brother-in-law, in Norway, Monday morning, says the Journal. He was born in Westbrook, and was 44 years of age.

The breaking of the ground upon the Belfast and Montreal Lake Road was celebrated here on Tuesday last by the ringing of bells, the firing of cannon and a procession. Addresses were delivered by L. L. Miliken, Esq., of Belfast, Henry Hudson, Esq., of Guilford, and Judge Dickerson, of the Supreme Court. A large number of people were present.

A son of Mr. Percy Sand of Waterville, was drowned on Wednesday in Emerson street. It is supposed he fell over the bank above the door factory, as the body was much bruised when found. He had just filled a basket with shavings of the factory, and his basket and hat were seen floating upon the streams, which caused the alarm to be given by another lad.

Burglars effected an entrance into the counting room of the flour mill, at South Paris, last Sunday night, by raising a window, blew open a McFarland safe, and robbed it of \$300. On the same evening previous to the robbery, one of the proprietors of the mill, who had deposited \$1200 in the safe that afternoon, thinking it unsafe there, went to the counting room and took out the money and carried it with him to his house and thus saved it.

The Bath Times says that Mr. Putnam Morse of that city jumps from a vessel coming up the river Tuesday morning and was drowned. He was delicious with fever, and rushed over the vessel's side and was drowned before he could be rescued.

A little boy nine years of age, son of Mrs. Came of Buxton, who with his boy and an infant has

